Landowners: Are you ready to Rent Farmland or Garden Space?

**Landowners’s checklist**

- You have a clear idea about what exactly you are interested in renting to a grower and you are willing to set clear boundaries.
- You understand what you want from a grower and what you don’t. You have clear expectations you share with the grower.
- You have agreed to a clear plan of compensation for the use of your land.
- You are prepared to have a written lease.
- You have done due diligence with the grower and checked references.
- Finding a tenant is similar to a job interview.

What to expect from a vegetable farmer

**Impact of a Vegetable Farm**

- **Farmer will likely:**
  - Build Deer fence, 8’ tall to protect crop. It is not possible to grow vegetables without this in Western PA.
  - Need irrigation water. While its possible to grow vegetables without water, it would double yields to irrigate crops. Water can be: house hose spigot, frost free faucet, pond, or stream.
  - Need tool storage, if farm operation if large enough, will likely need to build a shed, or rent space in an existing shed.
  - Be on farm on a daily basis during the growing season.
- **Farmer will also need the following. However these activities can take place at a separate space or the farmer’s house:**
  - Area to wash and store vegetables
  - Area to start seeds.